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THE 153RD WAY: THE GAMBLE
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GU GA AH!
NW OOH!

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LOOK.
KYOTO IS...
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BURNING.

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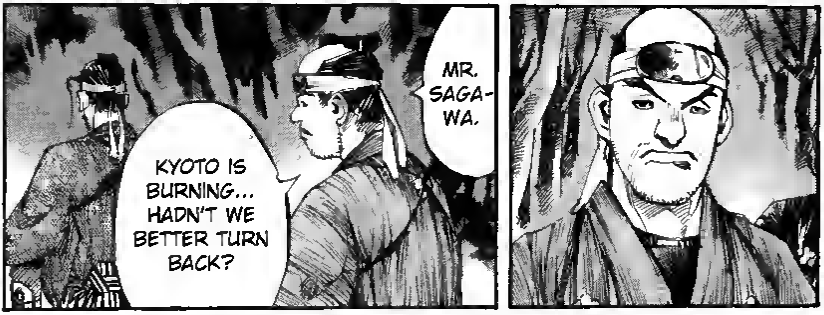
IT.
LET'S
HURRY.


KYOTO IS
BURNING...
HADN'T WE
BETTER TURN
BACK?
MR.
SAGA-
WA.

DO YOU KNOW
WHY WE'RE
HEADED TO
TENRYUUJI?
MR.
IWA-
SAKI.
WE'LL
BE A
LAUGHING
STOCK.
WHAT
WILL WE
DO IF WE
ATTACK
TENRYUUJI
AND IT'S
ALREADY
ABAN-
DONED?

OUR LITTLE FORCE WON'T STAND A CHANCE
BECAUSE IT'S THE ENEMY HEAD-QUARTERS ...?
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THERE ARE STILL A THOUSAND TROOPS THERE?
AND
OUR ORDERS ARE, SO TO SPEAK, A GAMBLE.
WELL, IF WE WIN, WE WIN BIG.
WILL WE BE CUT DOWN IN AN INSTANT, OR BRING HOME THEIR HEAD...?

LET'S GO.
RIGHT.

SOME-
BODY
CAME
AHEAD
OF US?
HEY...
HE'S
ALIVE.
...YOU
...
YOU'RE
SHOGU-
NATE?
YOU'RE
A CHOU-
SHUU
MAN,
AREN'T
YOU?

PLEASE.
WON'T YOU HIDE ME SOME-WHERE?
YEAH.
YOU RAN,
DIDN'T YOU?
.....
WHERE'S THE MAIN CAMP?

LIGHTS OUT!
GET DOWN AND SCATTER!

AL-
RIGHT!
EVERY-
BODY
HERE?!

HANG IN THERE, TSUKA-NO!
YEAH!
HUH?
BRO...?
!
!

BRO!

SHOU?!
I'M FINE.

MR. KATSURA.
WHAT IS IT?
IT SEEMS A FEW SHOGUNATE TROOPS HAVE ENTERED THE VILLAGE.
I'M IMPRESSED THEY SNIFFED THIS PLACE OUT.
BAD LUCK.